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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Shahid R. Merchant

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-6, 10-12, 15-19, 28-34, 36-38 and 40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 20, 35 and 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 13, 14 and 21-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on July 18, 2007. Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 9 and 14 have been amended. Claims 2-6, 10-12, 15-19, 28-34, 36-38 and 40 have been withdrawn as directed to non-elected inventions.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 12, filed July 18, 2007, with respect to claims 9 and 14 (35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 9 and 14 (35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph) has been withdrawn.

3. Applicant's arguments, see page 12, filed July 18, 2007, with respect to claims 1, 7, 9, 13-14, 20 and 22-27 (35 U.S.C. 101) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 7, 9, 13-14, 20 and 22-27 (35 U.S.C. 101) has been withdrawn.

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 20, 35 and 39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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6. Claims 1, 20, 35 and 39 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. RE Claims 1, 20, 35 and 39: It is unclear whether the identifying of trade-through transaction and trade-at transaction is occurring before or after or during an option limit order being executed. Since Applicant is referring to a transaction, one of ordinary skill in the art would assume the step of identifying trade-through transaction and trade-at transaction is occurring after execution of an option limit order.

However, on page 15 (lines 11-12) the specification recites *Monitoring with respect to the option limit...fully executed, deleted or cancelled*. This passage indicates the step of identifying trade-through transaction and trade-at transaction is occurring during execution of an option limit order.

Claim Objections

8. Claims 7, 9, 13-14, 21-27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid R. Merchant whose telephone number is 571-270-1360. The examiner can normally be reached on First Friday Off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammel can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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